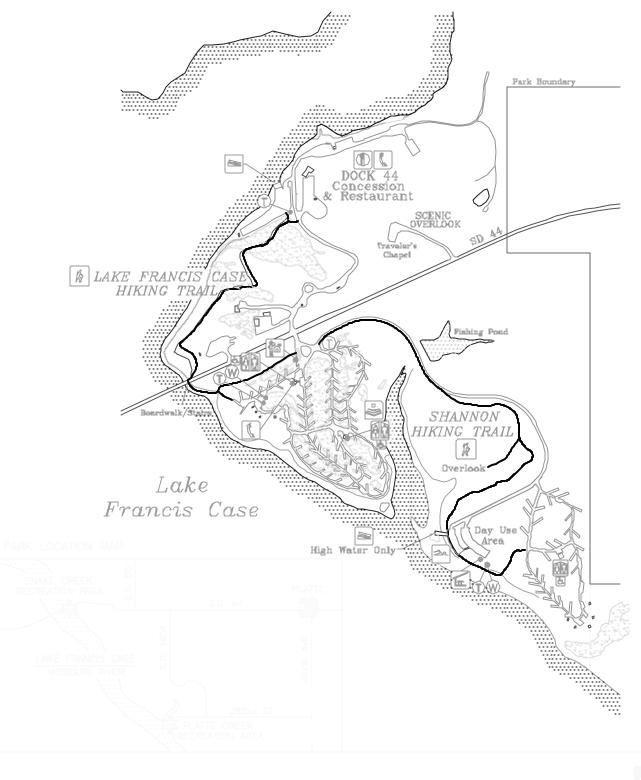
Snake Creek Recreation Area Trail System















Snake Creek Recreation Area

Lake Francis Case Trail

Type of trail: Hiking

Trail surface: Grass

Rated: Somewhat difficult, strenuous in some areas

Fee required: Parks Entrance Fee

Length of trail in miles: .5 mile

Location of the trailhead: North campground amphitheater and boat ramp parking lot

Facilities at or near the trailhead: Drinking water, toilet, parking, picnic tables, campground

Facilities along the trail: None

Will there be interpretive information available: Yes

What lodging opportunities are provided IN the park: Tent camping, electric and non-electric campsites, wheelchair accessible campsite, camping cabins

Does this trail connect with any other trails: Yes, connects to Shannon Hiking Trail

Nearest facilities for purchasing snacks, sunscreen etc.: Concession/Restaurant within the park

Nearest motels/restaurants OUTSIDE the park: In Platte - 14 miles east

Name, address, and phone numbers of nearest Chamber of Commerce:

Platte Area Chamber of Commerce, 500 Main Street, Platte, SD 57369

Emergency phone numbers:

Ambulance – 911 & (605) 337-3364 Sheriff – 911 & (605) 487-7625 Fire Department – 911 & (605) 337-2347

Do most cell phones work on this trail: No

The Lake Francis Case Trail is a linear trail that connects the north campground with the boat ramp/marina area of the park. It winds along wooded bluffs that offer a scenic view of Lake Francis Case. Several species of songbirds inhabit the eastern red cedar, green ash, and prickly ash-covered slopes and draws. White-tailed deer, mule deer, turkeys, and fox squirrels can be seen at various times. Part of the trail winds along the edge of the north campground until reaching the amphitheater and an interpretive kiosk.

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Snake Creek Recreation Area

Shannon Trail

Type of trail: Hiking

Trail surface: Grass

Rated: Somewhat difficult, strenuous in some areas

Fee required: Parks Entrance Fee

Length of trail in miles: .75 mile

Location of the trailhead:

In the south campground near site #102; in the north campground near site #97

Facilities at or near the trailhead: Drinking water, toilet, parking, picnic tables, campground

Facilities along the trail: None

Will there be interpretive information available: No

What lodging opportunities are provided IN the park: Tent camping, electric and non-electric campsites, wheelchair accessible campsite, camping cabins

Does this trail connect with any other trails: Yes, connects to Lake Francis Case Hiking Trail

Nearest facilities for purchasing snacks, sunscreen etc.: Concession/Restaurant within the park

Nearest motels/restaurants OUTSIDE the park: In Platte - 14 miles east

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Do most cell phones work on this trail: No

The Shannon Trail is a linear trail that connects the north campground to the south campground. It also provides an avenue of access from both campgrounds to the swim beach area. It winds along the partially wooded draws and knolls that overlook Lake Francis Case. Eastern red cedar, green ash, and snowberry are interspersed with native grass areas that contain crested wheatgrass and big and little bluestem. White-tailed deer, mule deer, and an occasional turkey may be seen. The skies can include red-tailed hawks, northern harriers, and the seasonal bald eagles. Rattlesnakes can be seen in the park so watch where walking.

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